



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
PECK PARK RECREATION CENTER
560 N. WESTERN AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90732
<http://coc.lacounty.gov>**

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:00 AM

Attachment: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair Patti Giggans, Vice-Chair Priscilla Ocen, Hernan Vera, Xavier Thompson, Casimiro Tolentino, Lael Rubin, Sean Kennedy, and Brian K. Williams

Absent: Robert Bonner and James P. Harris

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patti Giggans at 9:17 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance □

Chair Patti Giggans welcomed members of the Commission, requested a moment for meditation.

- Approval of November 15, 2018 meeting minutes.

On motion of Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Commissioner Tolentino, there being no objection, the November 15, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Opportunity for members of the public to address the COC on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the COC.

There was one member of the public who addressed the Commission.

3. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

- a. Discussion of 2018 Commission Activities

Executive Director, Brian K. Williams presented an overview of the COC's accomplishments during 2018 and possible future endeavors for 2019.

Mr. Williams highlighted the appointment of Commissioner Tolentino, the selection of the Community Information Officer, the creation of social media platforms, and outreach to various community groups. Mr. Williams also presented a video regarding the first annual Community Policing Conference.

Mr. Williams also highlighted the reports on MET teams, Family Assistance and Communication, and Body Worn Cameras. Mr. Williams also reported the numbers for 2018; 11 COC meetings, 5 town hall meetings, 25 community group meetings and one major conference.

b. Discussion of Commission Goals and Priorities for 2019

Mr. Williams presented various goals for 2019; increasing contact with the community through meetings with community groups, high schools, and colleges. Mr. Williams also highlighted issues that the COC will continue to review; Interstate 5 freeway stops, Mira Loma jail facility project, secret deputy cliques, overall use of force, immigration, professionalism and courtesy, custody staffing at jails, women's healthcare in the jails, and recruiting in LASD.

Mr. Williams inquired from the commission and the audience what issues they felt should be reviewed in 2019. Commissioner Rubin suggested the list of issues include use of force incidents and discipline. Commissioner Tolentino stated his interest in following up on the issue of "Why are the cops stopping me?" Commissioner Kennedy expressed his concern regarding the transferring of the Constitutional Policing unit. Chair Giggans mentioned she'd like the Commission to continue to focus on the secret deputy cliques issue.

Commissioner Thompson raised the issue of transparency between the new Sheriff and the Commission as it relates to the exchange of information and documents. Inspector General, Max Huntsman echoed a few of the issues mentioned by the commissioners; interaction with the Sheriff's department, LASD participation during discussion regarding COC reports, secret deputy cliques, and the discipline system within LASD.

A community member highlighted the issue of the complaint process inside LA County jails.

c. Discussion of Commission Bylaws

Mr. Williams highlighted the need for new procedures and timelines for Ad Hoc Committees. The Commission staff will develop a timeline/meeting schedule during the beginning of a project. Mr. Williams mentioned that future Ad Hoc committees will also integrate a time for the community to voice their concern before a committee presents its report to the Commission.

Mr. Williams introduced Community Information Officer, Jennifer Osborn who gave a brief presentation on how to respond to media inquiries.

The floor was opened for discussion regarding public comment time. Various Commissioners expressed their opinions, the Commission agreed to increase the time of public comment to 3 minutes without a limit on the times the public can comment for the January, February, and March meetings. Mr. Williams also introduced the idea of allowing for community groups who are subject matter experts on a particular issue to present during the Commission meetings. Mr. Williams also stated that commission staff will reach out to specific subject matter experts and have an open call for community groups to present for upcoming COC meetings and report back after three months.

d. Discussion and action to adopt 2019 Meeting Schedule

Chair Giggans introduced the meeting schedule for 2019. On motion of Commissioner Rubin there being no objection, the Commission adopted the 2019 COC meeting schedule.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 AM.

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4. COMMISSION UPDATES

Open session reconvened at 11:05 AM. Present were Chair Giggans, Vice-chair Ocen, Sean Kennedy, Lael Rubin, Hernan Vera, Xavier Thompson, Casimiro Tolentino, and Executive Director, Brian K. Williams.

Chair Giggans urged LASD Executive Officer Ray Leyva to share any updates related to LASD.

Executive Officer, Leyva stated the Sheriff intends to implement new changes and transparency to work more collaboratively with the COC. He also stated that LASD is working on putting together a report regarding the Mira Loma project and the review of the disciplinary process. Mr. Leyva also confirmed that he would be the LASD liaison present during COC meetings.

Commissioner Kennedy inquired regarding the status of the Constitutional Policing Unit. Executive Officer, Leyva confirmed that the unit continues to be an integral part of Sheriff Villanueva's administration and that LASD is looking for new attorneys to lead the unit.

- Commissioner Comments/Ad Hoc Committee Updates

There were no comments or updates from the various Ad Hoc Committees.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment.

The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission adjourned its meeting at 11:35 AM.

Chair Giggans reported the next COC meeting will be held on January 22, 2019.